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FORMER POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Lawrence Ross Frame, 46, New Castle, Indiana, was charged today with Sexual Exploitation of Children (Production of Child Pornography), announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Henry County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Service, the U.S. Secret Service, the Hamilton County Metro Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and the Indiana State Police.

The Information alleges that on numerous dates between May 2008 and September 2008, Frame used materials that had moved in interstate commerce to produce images and videos of a minor female engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Frame was a police officer with the New Castle Police Department until his arrest on August 4, 2009.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Frame faces a maximum of 30 years in prison, up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge at a later date.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

An Information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.